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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

Would you know how to explain to a non-Catholic friend what the Church understands by Mary's Immaculate Conception, what is meant by the Virgin Birth, etc., concerning which so much is heard today? Most non-Catholics think that the "Virgin Birth" refers to the birth of the Virgin Mary, while it refers to the birth of Christ.

Most people who are not Catholics either do not believe in Original Sin or they have most indistinct notions concerning what it is. They certainly should not find fault with our teaching about this Immaculate Conception of Mary, because if there is no Original Sin every person is immaculately conceived.

The plain teaching of the Church is that the human nature which you and I and all people have existed at one time in Adam, who, as mankind's representative, was disloyal to God in a matter relative to which human nature was on trial. Human nature was tainted at its source and you and I have inherited this human nature in its fallen condition. The disloyalty in Adam was *Actual* sin; its effects on the soul of every descendant constitutes what is known as *Original* sin. Through the fall of Adam the supernatural life with which his soul was clothed at its creation was denied to his descendants except on the condition of adequate reparation. Such adequate reparation could be effected only by a God.

Now, in His mercy, the Son of God condescended to become man, and as the new Adam undid the work of the first Adam. Because of the infinite sanctity of His divinity He could not assume to His Godhead a soul tainted with Original Sin. Therefore, at the very moment of the conception of Mary, whom He had decreed to be His mother, He preserved the soul which was to animate her body from Original Sin. In other words, He gave her soul to her immaculate; hence we speak of her Immaculate Conception. Since Mary herself was born as other children of Adam it was necessary that she be redeemed with the rest, and since sanctifying grace comes to the human soul only by the application of the merits of Christ's redemption, these were applied to her at the moment of her soul's creation as they are applied through the ordinance of Baptism instituted by Christ.

Now, when we speak of the Virgin Birth we speak of Christ's own miraculous birth of the Virgin Mary. There is nothing in Holy Scripture more clearly stated than this dogma. It is beautifully told by St. Luke in the first chapter of his gospel.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin applies many beautiful titles to Mary, but she is honored most by the one designated "Queen conceived without Original Sin," because by this prerogative she is "our fallen nature's solitary boast;" because by it her soul belonged to God from the first moment of its life, and never was for one instant under the dominion of the evil one.

All Catholics love to think of Mary as the "Immaculate One" and make much of the feast day which honors her as such. Mary Immaculate is the patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Hence we have a special reason to observe her feast with pomp and to pray to her to interest herself in our dear diocese.

The individual should honor Mary particularly by striving to cultivate immaculateness, not being discouraged by the failures of the past. We know that when sin is forgiven our souls become "white as snow," and after repentance it is possible for us to remain immaculate as far as serious faults are concerned. The best way to retain and promote an immaculate condition of soul is through daily Communion, because the Communion of this morning obliterates the venial sins of yesterday provided we arouse a sorrow for them in our hearts, and the Communion of tomorrow remits the small failings of today. The individual also honors Mary by being a faithful member of his or her respective Sodality, because Mary is particularly interested in *movements* which are calculated to promote immaculateness of soul.

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Bp. of Ft. Wayne

THAT MARRIAGE ANNULMENT.

There is no such thing as an annulment of a valid marriage. Rome will not be mistaken when she declares that a given marriage union was null from the beginning, unless the evidence presented to her is false. If the evidence presented in the case of the Duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt clearly proves that the latter was forced into the marriage, then Rome's decision was correct. Surely everybody believes that people contracting marriage should be free at the time when the union is entered.

It is not a case, as some Anglicans represent, of Rome repudiating a marriage of the Episcopal church. Even if a Catholic Priest, or Bishop, or Cardinal, had been the officiating clergyman, the marriage would have been declared "null" if it were CLEARLY PROVED that Miss Vanderbilt was forced into the union against her will.

The criticism of Bishop Manning of the Protestant Episcopal church is entirely beyond the point and it comes with poor grace from one who represents the church whose founder sought an annulment of his marriage from the Pope. King Henry VIII did not succeed, however; which is evidence sufficient that the Catholic Church is not moved by the rank or wealth of the applicant. Very recently Rome declined to annul a marriage between Miss Gould and Count Boni, although wealth and prestige and heavy pressure were directed at Rome to bring about such a declaration.

PROF. PHILLIMORE, DEAD IN ENGLAND, WELL KNOWN IN U. S.

Washington.—Professor John Swinnerton Phillimore, eminent British convert to the Catholic Church, whose death has just been announced, was known in America as one of the world's foremost classical scholars and a loyal, zealous and devoted son of the Church.

His talents were apparent even in his student days. At Christ Church, Oxford, he won the Chancellor's Prize for Latin verse, and the Hertford, Craven and Ireland scholarships. He received an honorary LL. D. from the University of St. Andrew's and a Litt. D. degree from Dublin University. In the course of his busy life as a scholar and author, he wrote much. He collaborated in "Essays in Liberalism," by Six Oxford Men (1897), was the author of "Poems" (1902), of "Appollonius of Tyana" (1912), "Things New and Old" (poems, 1917), and "The Revival of Criticism" (1919). He translated Sophocles and edited several Latin texts for the Oxford University Press. He was preparing an exhaustive commentary on Propertius at the time of his death, November 16. In addition, he was a frequent contributor to **The Dublin Review**, **The Classical Review** and **The New Witness.**

CAMPION STUDENTS DELEGATES TO ROME CONCLAVE OF YOUTH

Prairie du Chien, Wis.—Among the units of the middle-Western delegation to the great International Conclave of Catholic Young Men at Rome December 31, leaving New York December 11, will be that of Campion Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wis. Five students of that institution will carry the pledges of their fellows to the Aloysian Plan of Life.

The Campion representatives are: William C. Zeller, of Defiance, Ohio; Glen J. Hoffman, George A. Schmidt, and Stephen A. Monz, of Appleton, Wis., and Charles E. von Brecht, of St. Louis, Mo.

The Late Rt. Rev. Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding, D. D.

Monday, December 6th, is the second anniversary of the death of Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, D. D., third Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Last Tuesday (November 30) was the twenty-sixth anniversary of his consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Had the beloved prelate survived another year he would have celebrated his Episcopal silver jubilee, but after a beneficent administration of four and twenty years, the Master in Whose service he had labored so faithfully, called His servant to his reward. His apostolic successor, Rt. Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., will commemorate the anniversary of death with solemn Requiem High Mass to be celebrated at the Cathedral at 8:0 o'clock tomorrow morning. Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector, will be assistant priest; Rev. John A. Dapp, deacon; Rev. Michael Andrew Chapman, subdeacon; Rev. John Edward Dillon, diocesan chancellor, master of ceremonies.

MEXICAN BISHOP CELEBRATES MASS IN PRIVATE HOME; FINED $250.

It is reported that the Bishop of Chilapa, the Right Rev. Msgr. Francisco Compos Angeles, was arrested while on a visit to Mexico City, charged with celebrating Mass in a Catholic residence, and fined $250 at police headquarters.

PAULIST CHORISTERS' APPEARANCE WILL BE MUSICAL EVENT FOR CHICAGO.

A refreshing change from the almost limitless programs of jazz and so-called modern musical events is the anticipation of the concert at Orchestra Hall on the evening of December 13th, when Mr. LeRoy Wetzel again presents Chicago's old, yet ever new, and deservedly popular Paulist Choristers in a program of song. This magnificent organization of men and boys has an appeal which is unique, and the musical critics have frequently referred to it, as without a peer in this country.

The program includes solos by the boys and men—part songs and chorus, in a repertoire which embraces simple folk-songs and humorous skits—the difficult but lovely age-old music of Palestrina, and the more modern, and perhaps more popular works of Guonod, Liszt, and Beethoven.

FR. JAMES F. FAGAN WILL ADMINISTER SCRANTON DIOCESE

Scranton, Pa.—The Rev. James F. Fagan, V. F., rector of St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, Pa., has been named by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty administrator of the Scranton diocese, and he will assume all duties of a bishop until such time as a successor to the late Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton, has been named by the Pope. Father Fagan will take up a temporary residence here at once.

FR. A. WILWERDING OF CLEVELAND, DIES

Cleveland, Ohio.—The funeral services for Rev. Anthony Wilwerding, S. J., a resident of Cleveland for 24 years, were held in St. Mary's church here today. He died Tuesday in Charity hospital after several months' illness.

Father Wilwerding, who was sixty years old, was born in Erling, Iowa, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1889, after his graduation from Campion College, Prairie du Chien, Wis. Following the completion of his course in philosophy at Falkenberg, Holland, and of theology at Spokane, Wash., he was ordained in 1901.

The Rev. E. I. Wilwerding of Oklahoma City, a brother, came here for the funeral.

DECEMBER 8, PATRONAL FEAST OF CATHEDRAL

The feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated with particular solemnity at the Cathedral of the Fort Wayne diocese, where a Pontifical Mass will mark the patronal feast. The evening of the same day will witness the departure ceremony of the Catechists of Victory-Noll, Huntington, when a group of young ladies who have completed their training for work among the Mexicans.

PASTORS OF THE DIOCESE, ATTENTION!

By the time this word reaches you you will have received a *census form* from the Bureau of the Census, Washington. Kindly do not mislay this, because the Bishops of the United States are very eager that every pastor make a report, and make it according to the following terms:

Every person who was baptized as a Catholic and who has not formally apostatized is to be counted. Persons who have forced themselves out of the Church by irregular marriages are not to be counted, while their children are, in case they have been baptized and are being reared Catholics.

With reference to the report on the value of church property note that you are to list the values of the several buildings separately. The value will, of course, be higher than the original cost in case the lots have greatly risen in value and in case the buildings were built before the high rise in building operation costs. On the other hand, to determine their value by the cost of replacement would be the other extreme. It would seem that their insurance value would be about the right estimate.

In requesting this information the Government has no thought of taxing the property. The head of the Census Bureau tells us that not even congressmen or senators will have access to this information, that it is to have statistical value only inasmuch as the Government is eager to know what the complete property value of the United States amounts to. If ever a movement towards the taxation of church property succeeds, the value reported by the clergy will not be considered, but the property would be appraised the same as any other residence or business block and the taxes imposed accordingly.

These census forms are supposed to be filled out and sent to the Chancery Office during the next month, whence they will be forwarded, after being checked over, to the Bureau of the Census. When you answer the question concerning the number of Catholics for the annual report, which is sent to the Chancery, you will distinguish between practical Catholics and nominal Catholics, but a report should be made on both.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

President Green of A. F. L. Hints at Break With Crom Over Mexico's Church Fight

Says Wise Counsel Must Prevail "If We Are to Continue to Maintain Cordial and Friendly Relations."

STRIFE CREATES DIFFICULTY

New Haven, Conn.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, with the consent of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., has formally made a plea to the CROM, radical Mexican labor body, that the best interests of the organised workers in Mexico and the United States call for a settlement of the religious controversy which has arisen in Mexico. This plea is contained in a letter sent by President Green to Luis N. Morones, Mexican Secretary of Commerce, Industry and Labor, a member of President Calles' cabinet and the real head of the Mexican Federation of Labor. It appears in an article written for January "Columbia" by Frank Duffy, Second Vice-President of the A. F. of L.

In addition, Mr. Green states that in his opinion wise counsel must prevail, sound judgment exercised, tolerance practised and temperate language used "if we are to continue to maintain the cordial and friendly relations which have existed between the American Federation of Labor and the Mexican Federation of Labor for years."

In his letter to Mr. Morones, Mr. Green says:

A. F. L. UPHOLDS RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

"It is quite pertinent for me to state that the American Federation of Labor has, from its inception, been irrevocably committed to the principles of religious freedom. This is one of the fundamental bases upon which our great movement rests. Under the constitution and laws of the American Federation of Labor, members are permitted to worship, without hindrance, in accordance with the dictates of their conscience. In conformity with these principles the American Federation of Labor has opposed organizations formed within the United States for the purpose of interference with the free exercise of religious freedom.

"The wisdom of such a policy by the American Federation of Labor has been demonstrated by the fact that this outstanding labor organization is made up of working people who hold different religious views, who belong to different races and who speak different languages. Men and women of all creeds, colors and nationalities are members of the American Federation of Labor. It is indeed remarkable when we take into account the American Federation of Labor has succeeded in welding and blending into a cooperative organization working men and women who differ so widely in their national characteristics and in their religious and political beliefs. Much of the success and strength of the American Federation of Labor lies in the strict adherence to and observance of these announced principles and policies.

MEXICO'S STRIFE CREATES DIFFICULTY

"An appreciation of these facts will influence you to understand how the incidents which have been taking place in Mexico have stirred and aroused many of the members of the American Federation of Labor. This feeling and interest has been stimulated and intensified by the desire of the membership of organized labor to secure for themselves the benefits and blessings of religious, political and economic liberty and to serve in securing the enjoyment of all these blessings, in full measure, for the people in other nations throughout the world. In times of great mental

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All for Jesus through Mary

The Missionary Catechists of Our Blessed Lady of Victory extend to all the members of The Associate Catechists of Mary of the Diocese a cordial invitation to attend the Solemn Departure Ceremonies to be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8, 1926 at Seven forty-five o'clock P.M. Bishop Noll will preside.

SOLEMN DEPARTURE CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN FT. WAYNE CATHEDRAL

The Solemn departure ceremonies of the Missionary Catechists will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Fort Wayne on Wednesday evening, December 8th. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will preside at these impressively beautiful ceremonies. He will preach the sermon and confer his episcopal blessing on six of the Missionary Catechists who are leaving for the poor missions in New Mexico under the care of the Society.

This will be the first time these ceremonies have been held at the Cathedral.

All the pastors of the various churches of Huntington and Fort Wayne will be present in the sanctuary, and from present indications the Cathedral will be filled with the members of the Young Ladies' Sodalities from all the parishes of Huntington and Fort Wayne.

The sublime vocation of the Catechists who are leaving for the missions is to serve God and His Holy Church by ministering to the most abandoned souls and saving the Faith of the poor Spanish-speaking children in the mission settlements of the Catholic Southwest.

"LITTLE FLOWER'S" PORTRAIT DONATED TO CHICAGO SHRINE

Chicago, Ill.—The original painting of St. Therese of Lisieux, known as "The Little Flower of Jesus," which was loaned to the Little Flower shrine in Chicago for the Eucharistic Congress, has been given to the shrine by the Carmelite Sisters in France.

The painting, which was done by Celine, a sister of the Little Flower, has been viewed in this country by more than a million persons.

BISHOP MANNING'S UTTERANCE CALLED APPEAL TO KU KLUX

New York, N. Y.—Bishop Manning's attack upon the Church for its decision in the Marlborough-Vanderbilt annulment case is answered briefly and simply in a statement made to the N. C. W. C. News Service by the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S. J., editor of **America**. Father Parsons' statement is as follows:

"Bishop Manning's charges, stripped of their violent language, can be reduced to two. He claims an impertinent intrusion by the Church into the jurisdiction of the Episcopal church, and into American civil rights, and he charges that the decision itself is not in accord with the known facts.

"The impertinence is certainly not on the part of the Church, but on the part of Bishop Manning. A member of Bishop Manning's own communion asked the Church what it thought of her marriage in the light of the facts she and others presented to it under oath. Being asked this question, the Church replied that according to her laws that marriage was invalid. There was no assumption whatever of jurisdiction, warranted or unwarranted, religious or civil. There was no decree of dissolution, but a mere decree of nullity. Bishop Manning appears to betray ignorance of the real facts, and his spread-eagle appeal to Ku Klux sentiment was unworthy of him. He will have to rest assured that, impertinent or not, the Catholic Church is right and he is wrong. The Church did not pass on the form of the marriage ceremony, religious or civil, nor did it presume to dissolve an American Episcopalian marriage. It simply declared that according to its own laws, the marriage contract itself, as made by the two parties, was void from the beginning, and it did this only when appealed to for its opinion by the former Duchess. Bishop Manning seems to think the Church started this, not the former Duchess.

"As regards his other charge, that the decision is contradicted by the known facts, this is an accusation not against the Church but against the witnesses. It is a direct charge against them of perjury, since the decision was made only upon their sworn testimony, and in such cases it is not the court which has to answer but the witnesses themselves. Mrs. Belmont, the mother who admitted the coercion, will undoubtedly know how to answer this serious charge, as will the other witnesses also.

"There is nothing in all this to worry Catholics. The publication of the testimony before the Rota sets the matter at rest definitely. Before God and before man the decision stands, there was no true marriage between Consuelo Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough, and the Church can only say, 'God help me, this is the truth, and I cannot do otherwise.'"

Bishop Confirms Large Classes at Wabash and Peru

On last Sunday the Right Rev. Bishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bernard's church, Wabash, of which the Rev. Edmund Ley is pastor. Over 70 adults and children composed the class. From Wabash the Bishop went to Peru, where a class of over 200 awaited him at St. Charles' Borromeo church, of which Fr. Schmitz is pastor. Here he was tendered a one-hundred per cent subscription list to the Diocesan edition of the Sunday Visitor, and other tokens of esteem from the parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. St. Charles' Church has been newly decorated and in the course of his remarks, the Bishop congratulated the pastor and the people upon the beautifully artistic interior of the edifice. He also expressed his appreciation of the gifts received.

Chicago, Ill.—In response to an invitation issued by the President and faculty of Loyola University, a large crowd attended the anniversary memorial Mass for Michael Cudahy at St. Ignatius' church here today. The services were offered as an expression of gratitude of the University to its foremost benefactor.

Six Parishes of South Bend District Sponsor Bazaars For Churches

The past seven days might appropriately be styled "Bazaar Week" for the South Bend district as members of six parishes in various cities of the district were busily engaged in bazaar activities.

Sacred Heart Parish Holds "Fancy Fair"

Opening on Nov. 22 and continuing four days the Sacred Heart parish of South Bend conducted its annual "Fancy Fair" at the church hall. The hall was beautified by many artistic booths displaying fancy articles and fine tapestries, some of which were imported and are duplicates of the masterpieces of such old Flemish painters as Tenniers and Van Dyck. An unusual attraction was the exhibition of fancy lace making by a Belgian lady who has made laces for many years and who fashions any pattern or design that may be requested. Among other features of the bazaar was a daily musical program which included selection by the South Bend West Side band and the Delfosse orchestra and special numbers by E. Van de Walle, accordion artist.

The proceeds of the affair were placed in the church treasury.

St. Bavo's Stage Annual Bazaar.

Under the general direction

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SIX NATIVE CHINESE ENTER THE EPISCOPATE. His Holiness personally consecrated the new Bishops at a magnificent ceremony in St. Peter's. They are the first Chinese to be raised to the Hierarchy since the Holy Father urged that a native clergy be given to missionary countries. Most of them are members of religious orders. (International Newsreel)

CATHOLICS OF MEXICO PRAY FOR PERSECUTORS

Mexico City.—Sonora, home State of Calles and Obregon, arch-persecutors of the Catholic Church in Mexico, is moved to the depths by the latest indignity heaped upon it by the Calles junta—the exiling by trickery of its beloved bishop, Msgr. Juan Navarrete. Bishop Navarete, while on a short visit to the United States, had notice served upon him that if he stepped on Mexican soil he would be thrown into jail, but the Calles agents refused even to tell him the nature of the charges against him.

Citizens of Sonora have just issued a solemn manifesto to Calles and his ally, the Governor of the State, branding the treatment of their bishop as flagrantly illegal and an act not worthy of any true man. In addition, they warn the two officials that they will not be responsible for whatever consequences come of this latest act of tyranny.

Recalling first the "vile and contemptible" manner in which Bishop Navarrete was exiled, the signers of the manifesto tell of their astonishmentment that a man who had devoted himself for seven years to "works of benevolence and enlightenment" should be so treated. They then assert:

"In your determination to tear down our Mexican institutions, you acted with the rashness of fury, of fury that is insane, when you drove from our State a bishop who has devoted all his zeal, all his energy and activity to the redemption of this unfortunate State from the ignorance to which long years of misgovernment have condemned her people.

"If the Bishop of Sonora is a criminal, why did you not bring him to justice while you still had him in the State, where you held him languishing in the dungeons of your filthy jails? If you suspect that he is engaged in spreading rebellion among the people, and is, therefore, a disturber of the peace, why do you not reveal to the public the subversive doctrines taught by the illustrious prelate? Your conduct shows that your only motive has been fear or revenge. What do you fear? What have you to fear from a defenceless bishop, whose only labor is that of an Apostle, the teaching of the doctrines of the Crucified? Why do you seek revenge against one who has done only good? Why do you wound him in the deepest feelings of his soul by driving him away from his flock and the field of his pastorship?"

Those who have placed themselves at the head of the new order in Mexico craftily seek to drive away the religious leaders of the people so that the children of the Church will be in confusion and uncertainty, the manifesto declares. To do this, they are told, "you have gone back 2,000 years for the model on which to base your Government and your persecution of God's Church." In this effort, it is declared, they will never succeed.

"It is mockery to speak of peace, of the defense of social rights, of the uplift of the laborer, and, at the same time, drive Jesus Christ from the nation," the manifesto continues. "In vain you refer to national peace to which you so loudly proclaim your devotion. Peace is but a mockery, as are your promises of national progress and all the other false promises of your Government, which seeks only to impose upon the nation institutions and systems, exotic in their origin, which can lead only to chaos and to anarchy. Whatever of apparent good you have brought to the nation is but the fruit of chicanery and passion supported by armed force."

Taking up directly the exiling of Bishop Navarrete, the manifesto then says:

Bishop's Expatriation Illegal.

"This act is contrary to the laws of the country and against the best interests of the nation. It is an abuse of the authority which you received from the people by whom you were elected. On this, as on many other occasions, your act is the act not of men, but of human beings degraded by bestial passions, more degraded even than savages.

"Therefore, from the depths of our souls, our hearts saddened with desolation, before the civilized world, before the Catholic people of Mexico, and before the people of Sonora those who are Catholics and those who are not, before all men of righteousness, on this day made holy by the overwhelming sorrows that have befallen the Church of God in Mexico, we protest with all our energy, with all our eloquence, against the banishment of a bishop who has done only good in Sonora. We protest a thousand times against the driving out from Sonora, at this of all times, of the bishop whom we hold and proclaim to be the very man whom Sonora needs most today.

"Colleges, schools, labor unions, associations, mutual aid societies, institutions of benevolence and enlightenment of every kind, founded by him who is now a glorious exile, are clamering for the return of their bishop. And when we demand his return, we demand that it be not to a state sullied with blood, ruined and degraded. We know too well your cat-like hypocrisy; we know too well the artfulness of your methods; and we say to you now that we demand that the pain which you have now caused us removed from us his paternal presence which we all love, be not converted into another to be deplored even more by us, which would result if returning him to us you should wreak upon his revered person those tortures and crimes which would cover us with shame, but against which we could not defend him.

WARNING GIVEN CALLES.

Recalling the President and Governor's oaths, upon taking office, to defend and obey the Constitution, the manifesto declares that since they have failed in this, an accounting will come. It then solemnly asserts:

"We warn you, as Tertullian warned the Caesars of the second century of the Christian era, when he declared: 'If, in the end, you exterminate all the Christians, your throne will be without vassals, your nation without citizens.' What is happening in our nation today is not unlike that against which Tertullian protested.

"Go on, then, with the work you have undertaken; banish the bishops and priests. The day will come when your madness and the suffering of your victims will be ended; but the day will never come when your own disgrace will be ended or the glory of the martyrs forgotten. Go on with our persecution of Jesus Christ in His followers, the Catholics. The day is bound to come when you will be condemned to pay the penalty.

"May the God of Mercy, in Whose name we are persecuted, and Whom you openly deny and defy, have pity upon you and upon us. Upon you because you know not what you do, and upon us that we may have strength to withstand the assaults made upon us by the tyrants under whom we live. Tomorrow, you will find yourselves on the brink of the sepulchre; be mindful of the fact that the tomb in which your bodies will lie is even now being prepared by the Son of the Carpenter, Jesus Christ, Whom you persecute in His Church, her bishops, her priests, and her children, and that unless you repent, which we pray God you may do before it is too late, your names will be a malediction to generations to come; and your acts today will bring opprobrium to the names which you leave to your posterity, a disgrace and an ignominy which five generations will not wipe out."

REFUSE TO DENY FAITH.

Then, addressing themselves to the citizens of the Republic, as well as the President and Governor, the signers of the manifesto protest that they have ever been law-abiding, generous, tolerant and hospitable; that they have always done whatever was required of them except when their consciences were violated; but that they will not deny their Faith and that the exile of their bishop is "an ignominy we cannot accept." Recalling various acts of religious persecution, they ask this pertinent question:

"Do you say that in this you only complied with the Constitution? Is not the Constitution the work of your own hands? He that makes the law can unmake it."

The manifesto then recognizes with shame that Calles and Obregon, persecutors of religion, are sons of Sonora, in the following words:

"The thought that, in great measure, all the evils that have been let loose in our unfortunate land are the work of a few unworthy, ungrateful sons of Sonora fills us with disgrace."

"Daily and unceasingly," the people of Sonora pray for those who persecute them, the document says, and then concludes:

"If, as a result of our protest, we are to be thrown into jail, tortured, and even put to death, we will suffer all willingly for Christ, Our Lord, that only we be spared the fate of beholding the ruin of our nation."

ENGLISH CATHOLICS COMMEMORATE MARTYRS. This procession through the streets of London, from Newgate to Tyburn, followed the path trod by Franciscans on their way to die for their Faith during the persecution of the Church in England four centuries ago. The ceremonies were witnessed by respectful attention by non-Catholics, who lined the streets for the several miles traversed by the processionists. (Wide World)

Current Catholic Events.

—The second Convention of the International Catholic Alumni Federation closed recently in Philadelphia with a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dougherty. The Convention marked a definite movement in international events on the part of graduates of Catholic colleges throughout the country.

—A medical mission under the direct supervision of the Redemptorist Fathers will be established in San Juan, Porto Rico, by Miss Dorothy M. James, R.N., who is a member of the Catholic Medical Missionary Board. Miss James is the first American lay person to enter the foreign mission field as a representative of the board.

—The Benedictine Fathers of St. Benedict's Abbey, Oregon, have announced plans for rebuilding the Abbey seminary and college, which were recently destroyed by fire.

—While on a ten day vacation Governor Smith and a party of friends attended Mass at the Church of St. Peter's, Pleasantville, N. J. He and his party contributed $3,708 to a fund being raised for the Church.

—His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein has happily characterized the film of the Eucharistic Congress which is now being shown in New York and will shortly be exhibited in Chicago as a "Picture for All Humanity".

—Apropos of the visit of Queen Marie, the Christian Register, a publication of Boston, Mass., has announced that a protest against American pilgrims going to Roumania has been filed. The document demands that many be withheld until there has been an improvement in the treatment of religious minorities in Roumania.

—General Hickey, widely known Catholic, speaking before a great gathering in Dublin on Armistice Day expressed the hope that the wooden cross brought back from Ginchy, France, would receive a permanent place in some suitable spot in Ireland.

—Following the recent statements regarding the annulment of the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough and the former Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt it is said that Duke is about to become a convert to the Church. Neither party to the annulment will make a statement.

Teodolinda Banfi, better known as Linda, personal servant of His Holiness Pius XI, has retired from active work and entered a convent of the Daughters of Charity. Hereafter His Holiness will be served by the Franciscan Brothers of the Third Order.

—The widely published threats against a ceremony in which Msgr. Dungan, world war veteran, the Ku Klux Klan and the Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Huron, Mich., were to take part were brought to naught by the actual carrying out of the ceremony as planned.

—It is announced at Berlin that historical research has justified the statements regarding the purchase of one of the worlds most famous pictures which is now in the Dresden art gallery. The picture was purchased from the Monks of the Abbey San Sisto for the sum of $30,000 in the year 1753. It is now known as a Sistine Madonna, painted by Raphael.

—There are over 60,000,000 people in the United States who belong to no church.

—$300,000 has been recently voted by the Congress of San Domingo to erect a memorial to Christopher Columbus.

—Father Saul, S.J., presided at a meeting in Dublin at which a new association known as the "League of the Young" was established.

MSGR. McNICHOLAS UNIFIES DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Cincinnati, O. — Several radical changes of policy are contained in the plan for centralized authority and coordinated effort just established for all Catholic charities and social agencies in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, sponsored the new program when the Rev. Dr. John O'Grady, secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, submitted a report based upon a six months' survey of Catholic institutions and organizations.

The report was indorsed and adopted in full at a meeting held in an auditorium here. Some 200 representatives of Catholic institutions in the area, which includes Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Hamilton and intervening places, attended.

The Rev. Dr. R. Marcellus Wagner, director of the Bureau of Catholic Charities of Cincinnati, which is absorbed by the new organization, will be director for the entire archdiocesan organization, which will be known as the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Archbishop McNicholas made it clear to the auditorium meeting that in the future all work would be unified and centralized through one office and that Dr. Wagner would serve as his personal deputy and would be vested with full authority for action in any situation arising in any of the charities affected.

CREIGHTON STADIUM DRAWS 5,000 TO FEAST.

Omaha, Neb.—More than five thousand persons attended the outdoor services in honor of the feast of "Christ, the King" in Creighton Stadium, Sunday, October 31. The Reverend Francis J. Beckman, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Omaha, explained the meaning of the new feast.

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